

that pivot about an axis and wherein opposite the handles are two jaws, each jaw having a body area and a tip, said jaws being connected to their respective handles so that the tips of said jaws contact each other and wherein the body areas of the respective jaws are configured so that the body area of the jaws can fit around said pole without separating the tips of the jaws.

2. The system according to claim 1 wherein said poles having on at least one end thereof a flexible stopper having a base which contacts a surface, said flexible stopper [is] being in the shape of a cone.

3. The system according to claim ² wherein the flexible stopper has a neck, [a base] and [where] an apex, said apex being [the] a portion of the stopper that is connected to the pole.

Please cancel claim 4.

4. The system according to claim [4] 1 wherein the clamp has a spring set inside the handles to provide a suitable force to press and hold the tip of each of the jaws toward the other.

5. The system according to claim ⁴ wherein the spring is a torsion spring held in place by [the pin that constitutes] the axis the handles and jaws rotate about.

6. The system according to claim 1 further comprising a gasket for use between a wall and a pole, said gasket comprising a top end and a bottom end and a pole side and a wall side, said pole side having a groove that extends from the top end to the bottom end, said groove being adapted to mate with an outside surface of the pole and wherein said wall [end] side of the gasket ends in a pair of wings that extend outwardly

from a core.

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10. The system according to claim 9 wherein said wings butt up against the wall creating a seal to provide dust containment.

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11. The system according to claim 10 wherein said wings extend apart from each other so that when they butt up against the wall, one wing is on one side of [a] said sheeting and the other wing is on the other side of [the] said sheeting.

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12. The system according to claim 1 wherein [the] there is a peel and stick tape [which is pre-applied to] on an edge of the sheeting.

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13. An improved dust containment system for use with a suspended ceiling[s] comprising a tile and a tile support said system comprising a flexible curtain supported by [on] one or more poles, said poles having a top end and a bottom end, said pole having on said top end thereof a clamp, said clamp holding said pole to [a] said tile support of the suspended ceiling, said clamps having a pair of handles that pivot about an axis and wherein opposite the handles are two jaws, each jaw having a body area and a tip, said jaws being connected to their respective handles and arranged so that the tips of said jaws clamp onto said tile support and one of said handles is inserted into an opening in the top end of said pole.

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14. The system according to claim 13 wherein [the clamp has a pair of handles that pivot about an axis and wherein opposite the handles are two jaws that are connected to their respective handles and arranged in such a fashion that] the tips of said jaws are in [face to face] contact with said tile support and wherein the body [areas] area

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of said jaws [and of the respective jaws is configured so that the interior of the jaws] can
fit around [said] a pole without separating the tips of the jaws from their [face to face]
contact with said tile support.

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~~17~~ 24. The system according to claim ~~18~~ further comprising a gasket for use
between a wall and a pole, said gasket comprising a top end and a bottom end and a pole
side and a wall side, said pole side having a groove that extends from the top end to the
bottom end, said groove being adapted to mate with an outside surface of the pole, and
wherein said wall end of the gasket ends in a pair of wings that extend outwardly from a
core.

~~17~~ 25. The system according to claim ~~24~~ wherein said wings butt up against
the wall creating a seal to provide dust containment.

~~20~~ 26. The system according to claim ~~25~~ wherein said wings extend apart
from each other so that when they butt up against the wall one wing is on one side of [a]
said curtain and the other wing is on the other side of the curtain.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the Section 112 objections
raised by the Examiner. Applicant has also amended claims 1 and 18 to distinguish the